

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO
EASTERN DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)	Case No. 5: 20 CR 297
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Plaintiff,)	Judge Donald C. Nugent
)	
v.)	<u>Motion To Review Order</u>
)	<u>Of Detention</u>
MATTHEW P. SLATZER,)	
)	
Defendant.)	

Now comes Defendant, Matthew P. Slatzer, by and through his undersigned counsel, and moves this Court to review the Order causing him to be detained and grant him bond. The reasons for this request are as follows:

1. Introduction

On February 20, 2020, Defendant was arrested at a bar in Canton, OH where he was allegedly seen carrying a holstered pistol. The owner of the establishment confronted an obviously intoxicated Defendant, told him he could not have the gun in the bar, took the gun from him and called 911. The Canton Police arrived and arrested the un-armed Defendant without incident. He did not resist arrest or physically assault the officers. On or about March 5, 2020, he was indicted on State charges¹ for Illegal Possession of a Forearm in Liquor Permit Premises, a 5th degree felony and violation of Ohio Revised Code § 2923.121.²

¹ State v. Slatzer, 2020CRB 0308 (Stark County Common Pleas Court). This case was dismissed on June 23, 2020.

² Due to work conflicts, Defendant's bond was revoked on May 11, 2020 because he failed to report for drug testing. He was being held in the Stark County Jail when he indicted in this case.

On June 11, 2020, Defendant was indicted in this case and charged with a violation of 18 U.S.C. §§ 922(g)(9) and 924(a)(2), Possession of a Firearm by a Person with Domestic Violation Conviction. He was arraigned on June 18, 2020. The Court ordered he be detained. No detention hearing was conducted.

2. Defendant Is Not a Danger to the Community or a Flight Risk

The Bail Reform Act requires courts to detain a defendant pending trial when “no condition or combination of conditions will reasonably assure the appearance of the person . . . and the safety of any other person and the community.” 18 U.S.C. § 3142(e)(1). As discussed below, defendant is neither a flight risk nor a danger to the community.

A. Flight Risk

Defendant is a lifelong resident of the Canton, Ohio area and has resided at 1255 Clarendon Ave. S.W., Canton, Ohio for many years.. He does not own a passport. He has two children (that he visits regularly), ages 6 and 10, who live with their mother in the Canton area. There is no reason to believe that Defendant will flee due to his close familial ties to the Canton area.

B. Danger to the Community

Defendant has an extensive criminal history. However, the majority of his arrests/convictions were for misdemeanors like disorderly conduct etc... His sole felony conviction was for Carrying a Concealed Weapon, a 4th degree felony, wherein he was sentenced to one year in prison. He was released in early 2017. Since that time (almost three years ago), he has had no arrests other than this case. Thus, he has shown an ability to reside in the community for a long period of time without re-offending.

3. Conclusion

For all the foregoing reasons, Defendant respectfully requests that this Motion be granted and the Court set bond in an amount that will ensure his presence and order any further conditions of bond that the Court deems appropriate.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

A copy of the foregoing was electronically served on this 5th day of July, 2020. Notice of this filing will be sent to all counsel indicated on the electronic receipt by operation of the Court's electronic filing system. Parties may access this filing through the Court's system.

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